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HYMN.

Check at their fountain-head
 O God, the streams of strife !—
 Nor let misguided man rejoice
 To take his brother's life.

Strike off the pomp and pride
 That deck the deeds of war,
 And in their gorgeous mantle hide
 The blood-stained conqueror.

To history's blazoned page
 Touch the pure wand of truth,
 And bid its heroes stand unveiled
 Before the eye of youth.

Press by each quiet hearth,
 The gospel's peaceful claims,
 Nor let a Christian nation bless
 What its meek master blames.

So shall the seeds of hate
 Be strangled in their birth,
 And Peace, the angel of thy love,
 Rule o'er the enfranchised earth.

L. H. S.

THE SOURCE OF ARISTOCRACY.

BY W. H. Y. HACKETT.

The cry against an aristocracy, in this country, is sufficiently loud and general. If due discrimination bore any reasonable proportion to the bitterness with which it is opposed, there would be little danger that it would get much foothold. But this cry, however boisterous, is not always sincere. It is sometimes raised by the demagogue as the most available means of making himself a part of that aristocracy which he professes to oppose. It is sometimes raised by those who hate the few more than they love the many. And those who raise it with only honest purposes and right feelings, are frequently led by men more intent upon serving themselves, than the cause of humanity.

That aristocracy which injures and degrades the community, has its source and support in the passions of the people. It rises as the people fall. Its power is another name for the lack of self-control in the mass. Most of the aristocracies of Europe, so repugnant to the feelings of this country, had their origin in War. Wars long continued, like those in Europe, transfer the gradations and discipline of the army to civil institu-